

OUT IN THE FIELD OF SPORT

What is Being Talked About in the Base and Foot Ball World.

PATSEY BOLIVAR AND SIS TIMOTHY MEET

With the Horsemen in the Field and at the Trap—Disappearance of Game Birds and a Grist of General Sport.

If the common report among players is to be believed, Patsy Tebeau presents a paradox to the old adage that "a barking dog never bites." Patsy is noisy, boastful and abusive on the field, but if those closest to the Cleveland man know what they are talking about, Patsy will not hesitate "to make good" on the field what he says in the heat of a base ball fray. In other words, Patsy is not a "mouth bluffer," but will stand and fight if the occasion requires. During the recent meeting of the league a piece of gossip that was floating around the corridors of the Fifth Avenue hotel came to my ears that indicates Patsy is not as pugnacious as some players would have the public believe. I heard that in one of the New York games last season Tebeau applied a vile epithet to Tim Hurst, who was umpiring the game. Tim, so the story goes, did not say anything on the field. He waited until after he had eaten his supper. Then he strode down to the hotel where the Cleveland team was stopping. He inquired for Tebeau, and was told he was in his room. Tim, without further ado took the elevator and knocked on Tebeau's door. When the Cleveland captain opened the door, Tebeau walked in. They turned the key and with his back to the door he told Tebeau that he had come there to make him either apologize or fight. Tebeau, without further ado, said "he was sorry for what he had said and would not say it again." Possibly this story emanated from a Chinese laundry. It does sound a little like the talk of a man accustomed to "smoking No. 2," but nevertheless it was a part of the cloud of gossip that encircled the outer edges of the meeting of the magnates and I give it for what it is worth.

ON THE BALL FIELD.

Breezy Chats with Players Here, There and Everywhere.

The Clevelandists will have twenty-six or twenty-eight men in training at Hot Springs in March.

Pitcher Gaines of the Des Moines team is the kind of a Peoria (Ill) horse ear equipment.

The salary limit in the Atlanta association will be \$1,200 per month. The Texas league limit is \$800. One who ceased to pitch for Philadelphia, has signed with Norfolk in the Virginia State league.

Gene Demontreville, the Senators' latest shortstop, is touted by Jack Doyle as the future king in this position.

Jake Morse opines that Jack Doyle would have been worth \$10,000 to Cincinnati. He is not worth that much in this position.

Hanlon wants either Breitenstein or Hawley, and then the Baltimore team will be complete for next season. He'll continue to "want."

Now that he is married Herman Long must work in winter. He has a fresh job in Boston. Matrimonially inclined players, take warning.

Now Louisville is angling for Shortstop Sullivan of Philadelphia. There are but few players in the business that McClosky is not after.

Sam Duncan's bluff to retire permanently is not worrying the Detroit management. They say he'll be back in the outfield in the spring.

Pat Tebeau says he will not play exhibition games with Pittsburgh. The Spiders have enough men to play with them.

Frank Connaughton, Shorty Fuller's bete noir on the New York team next season, is withholding a "big" story from the New England Post. He is a first class.

The players who are stranded on the Pacific coast are now playing in San Francisco on the co-operative basis, and are making enough money to bring them east.

Bill Nash of the Phillies is acting manager.

George Van Halten is to be switched to left field in the New York team having been delegated to cover center.

George Tebeau will spread his white wings and sail for Kansas City. He has been claimed by Manager Manning and the claim is O. K'd.

Uncle Anson has condemned smoking among ball players. He declares that cigarettes will drive Dahlen and Evers out of the business, just as they killed Camp.

The penalty for such boldness can be meted out. No clear will ever be for the G. O. M., even if Chicago should win a pennant.

Captain Ewing is of the opinion that the stipulations of the Reds' '96 contract should be participation in the spring practice is a good one. If there is any man on Cincinnati's payroll who cares a little for the Reds' success that he will not accept the offer to get into condition at the club's expense, he deserves no place on the payroll of the Cincinnati or any other club.

The last time Doyle played in Baltimore the spectators gave him a "continuous performance" crying of "Jack the Wicket." "Dirty Doyle," and chorused "Pay up, pay up, pay up." It will be one of the interesting occurrences of the season.

Expressions and temperature of the managers, and "Jack" makes his first appearance at Union park in a Baltimore uniform next spring. New York Herald.

Condie Mack says he is tired of new blood. That's why he signed Denny Lyons. An insouciant, bumptious, P. right fielder, Mack's old blood alibi. In St. Louis last season he made several dandy and lively efforts to swallow the Anheuser-Busch brewery—Washington Post.

Deny is wearing more blue ribbon than a Son of Eli after a Yale victory. He'd rather drink Hunsell water than German tea. Give him a chance.—Cincinnati Post.

O. P. Caylor says: "If the league adopts that removal-from-the-game rule against kicking players and it is enforced, then the clubs will need a reserve line, especially on the road."

Tom Morrison is booked to cover third base at Louisville.

Frank Selig is coming lots of money at his roller polo rink at Salem.

There isn't a ball fan on earth that doesn't think he can manage a ball team, and not a few of these self-elected Hanlons, Tebeaus and Ansons in the West are already beginning to figure. At least that's the way Joe Campbell sizes up the situation.

Captain Ewing is still angling for Fred Clark, the Colonels' outfielder, and his offer to Hoy, Vaughn, Foreman and Phillips, with a bunch of green goods, for his release. The amount is said to be \$25,000. As the Louisville club turned down a far better offer than this one for the same Colonel, there is not much hope for his consummation.

Philadelphia cranks have already reached the letter-writing stage. Some advocate the signing of Brighthouse, others demand Jack Boyle's return—at first—and many want to see Gray on the bag.

The minor leagues are all growing at the national, and if it were possible for a rebellion to succeed they'd dare up in a minute and cut loose from the national argument. That would simply be sowing the seed. The right of reservation is a valuable one for all concerned, but the members of class A are apt to band together and ask for return to the old rule, which provides for the payment of \$1,000 for each player drafted, instead of half that sum.

Jack Sivetti has been marked to go at Boston. During the past year he and Captain Hugh Duffy did not drink out of the same canteen.

Charles Rilly is putting up lightning rods in his back yard, in the hope that he'll be hit by a minor streak. He wants to quit the league and join the ranks of the smaller managers, a la Comiskey, Wilcox, Marr, Wells, etc.

What They Think in Cincy.

Omaha, by the way, is a sort of minor league storm center. It was dropped from the Western association circuit by Dave Rowe, the only blacklisted base ball manager in the history of the national game, last season because of light game receipts, but a few days ago the city concluded that the Nebraska town is better than Dubuque to any way.

So Omaha was taken into the Western association fold, and when it was made known that the Western league had designs upon the same city, President flicky

of the former organization emerged from St. Joe, tucked up a huge "Hands Off" sign on Omaha, and if it weren't for the fact that the Western league makes up its mind to include Omaha in its circuit, Omaha she will have—Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette.

Odds and Ends of Sport.

James R. Keene is after Bramble.

Dr. Rice will be fired and returned to the mud.

The new race track at the City of Mexico is called Indanilla.

Matthew Dawson, England's famous horse-trainer, has retired.

Lamp-lighter is to remain in the stud at McGrathiana next spring.

What a lovely foot ball player Padarewski would make—certainly considered.

Unless J. J. Hyland misses his guess Requill will be the best of the 3-year-olds.

Edgar N. Wrightington has been elected captain of Harvard's eleven for next year.

Artillery, the grandson of Musgrave is to be sent to San Francisco and sold at auction.

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Madison is going to revive winter racing, and it will be interesting to see what the Illinois authorities will do.

Sam Crane is to be elected president of the Scribblers club, a bowling organization of New York newspaper men.

W. O. H. Macdonough has had nothing but hard luck in his Ormonds deal. Now he has lost his colt foaled by Glatway.

A. G. Spaulding has at last decided to enter base ball politics again, and in the future represent the Chicago club.

The St. Andrew's Golf club house will be handsome from an architectural point of view than several state capitol buildings.

Marjorie Daly has given up her idea for a Billy Hennessy settled George La Blanche, "The Marine," in less than one round before the Kirtland Athletic club at Lynn, Mass.

Meeting of the stars of the green cloth and is arranging a billiard tournament for amateurs.

The cruising type of canoe is being universally adopted in England. These boats are fitted in length, with a forty-two inch beam.

Hinkey, Butterworth and all other Yale heroes of a glorious past are forgotten just now, while the Sons of Eli are rallying around Thorpe.

James J. Corbett is at Lynn, Mass., where he has again voiced his retirement and refused to answer to the pleading of the Texas fat boy—Dan Stuart.

Cal McCarthy died of consumption at St. Francis hospital, in New York. He was a featherweight champion until George Dixon defeated him.

Cornelius Van Cott, who was once New York's postmaster, and ex-president of the New York Base Ball club, is the president of the Manhattan Athletic club.

John Roberts has renewed his challenge to Eugene Carter, conceding 12,000 points in 24,000 in a match for 1,000 a side or less. In fact, any amount that will suit the American.

The editorial paragraph of the Washington Times says: "Much to be said about halfbacks in respect of foot ball games, and one is surprised that there is no mention of broken backs."

Young Giff (Albert Griffiths) was a pupil of Ben Macneil in Australia. He was a new arrival in his early days, and he claimed he figured in more ring encounters than any other living fighter.

Dan Stuart has repeated his Mexican story to a New York audience, but he has about as much chance of coaxing Corbett to change his mind as the Clevelanders have of converting "Pagan Bob."

Ed Abbott has issued a challenge to meet any 180-pounder in the world, Tom Jenkins, Farmer Burns or Dan McLeod preferred. The latter pair are expected to make good on their challenge.

"Shapper" Garrison has sold his horse certainty to Charles Hughes. Certainly should have been named "Uncertain." He is now being ridden by a new owner.

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CONE THE WAY OF THE BUFFALO

Effects of Civilization Upon the Feathered Denizen of Forest and Prairie.

AN INEVITABLE BUT LAMENTABLE FATE

Utter Disappearance of the Parakeets—Wild Pigeons No Longer Obscure the Sky—Big Cock of the Woods—Doom of the Prairie Chicken.

THE following profoundly interesting article on the passing of our birds is from the pen of P. M. Sillaway, and originally appeared in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It is so well written and should attract the attention of all sportsmen, ornithologists and lovers of nature:

To the interested observer who has lived many years in a given locality, the influences of the new conditions produced by civilization are clearly manifested in the changed avifauna of the district. He has seen the birds which inhabited the region in its primeval state either wholly or in part to correspond with the new circumstances or depart from the locality to find the former conditions.

Some of the birds which attracted the eye and delighted the ear of the sportsman have disappeared from their former homes, and new species have appeared and demanded a place among the friends of the established ones.

Consequently, the birds which were once common in the region have been driven from their homes, and have confined their movements to the heaviest woods of the bottom lands. Other species, which frequent the farms and meadows, have been driven from their homes, and have confined their movements to the heaviest woods of the bottom lands.

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